



Announcing:  
The  
George Washington Carver  
4th Grade  
Art and Essay  
Contest!

If I could take a  
morning nature  
walk with George  
Washington  
Carver, I would . . .



**CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH!**

Honoring Black History Month, Art & Essay helps students learn about George Washington Carver.

**WE'LL VISIT YOUR CLASS!**

A volunteer will present an overview of Carver's life and explain Art and Essay.  
Call 417-325-4151 to schedule.

**FREE LESSON PLANS!**

"Carver the Artist" and other lessons available: [www.nps.gov/gwca](http://www.nps.gov/gwca)

**FINE ARTS GLEs, 4th GRADE!**

FA: 2.A, 3.A, 1.B, 2.B, 3.B, 2.C, 1E, 1G, 3.G, FA.1, FA.2, FA.3, VA.1, VA.2, VA.3

**LITERACY COMMON CORE!**

ELA-Literacy.CCRA.W.2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

**ENTER BY THE DEADLINE!**

Entries must be delivered to the park or postmarked by **February 12, 2015.**

**FOLLOW THE RULES!**

Please carefully follow the contest rules, enclosed.

**AWARDS CEREMONY!**

Gift certificates, trophies, and ribbons will be presented March 28th at 2 p.m. at the park.



Carver Birthplace  
Association



George Washington Carver  
National Monument



Department of  
Teacher Education

# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Art and Essay Contest Rules

2015 Theme: ***If I could take a morning walk with George Washington Carver, I would . . .***

Any 4<sup>th</sup> grade student may enter any or both categories of art and essay.

## Attention Teachers!

ARTWORK: Each teacher should submit one completed “**Art Entry Sheet**”, included in this packet. Attach a typed list of all students submitting artwork. This list is vital during judging and for certificates. Please do not list students who are not participating in the art category.

ESSAYS: Each teacher should submit one completed “**Essay Entry Sheet**”, included in this packet. Attach a typed list of all students submitting essays. This list is vital during judging and for certificates. Please do not list students who are not participating in the essay category.

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## Art Rules

A label with the following information must be securely affixed to the lower back corner of each art entry so it is out of view of judges:

- Title of artwork, if named (for example: “Prairie Sunset”)
- Student name
- School name
- Teacher name (include art teacher and classroom teacher, if applicable)

## Size Limitations

***Please be careful to observe size limitations. Items oversized will not be eligible for awards.***

Two-dimensional media may not exceed 24 inches on each side. 2D media includes drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, photography, and mixed media.

Three-dimensional media may not exceed 24 inches in height, width, or depth. 3D artwork needs to be securely mounted to a firm, flat support. Sponsors are not responsible for damage of artwork during shipping or handling. Loose items may be subject to loss or damage.

Group projects are encouraged. Groups must consist of 3-5 students. Group projects may not exceed 36 inches in height, width, or depth. *Judges will give special consideration to projects that utilize natural and/or recycled materials but please do not include live, potted plants or any food items, such as peanuts!* Contact George Washington National Monument if entries need special installation.

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## Essay Rules

A label with the following information must be securely affixed to a lower, back corner of each essay:

- Student name
- School name
- Teacher name

Essays, handwritten or typed, should be no more than 500 words in length. **Longer essays will not be eligible for awards.** Please do not use staples. Encourage double-sided pages. Format is 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. Do not submit folders or binders. Park staff will display essay entries in binders.

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## JUDGING CRITERIA

Evaluations conducted by judges are final. Judging is based on the following criteria:

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<u>ART</u>	<u>ESSAY</u>	
Expression of the theme	Contest theme/Idea development	Organization
Originality	Conventions/Mechanical correctness	Word choice
Technical ability	Sentence fluency	Voice
Creativity	Presentation	

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## Everyone who participates is a winner!

- Certificate of participation for each student
- \$25 museum store gift certificate for first place individual winners in art and in essay
- Trophies for first, second, and third place individual winners in art and in essay
- Trophies for Best Group Project in art
- Trophies for Most Creative Classroom in art and in essay (teachers receive a gift certificate!)

## DEADLINE

The deadline for all entries is **February 12, 2015**. If mailed they must be postmarked by or on this date. Deliver or mail entries to:

George Washington Carver National Monument  
5646 Carver Road, Diamond, MO 64840

## THE SHOW

Artwork will be on display inside the visitor center at George Washington Carver National Monument from March 9<sup>th</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup> between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Sunday through Saturday and essays will be on display beginning March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please invite families to visit the exhibition! George Washington Carver National Monument is free of charge.

## THE AWARDS CEREMONY

On Saturday March 28 at 2:00 p.m. at George Washington Carver National Monument, all participating students and families, teachers and principals are encouraged to attend this special ceremony. Winning students will read their essays or interpret their artwork. Please plan to collect all entries following the awards ceremony.

Further information may be obtained by calling George Washington Carver National Monument at 417-325-4151 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by emailing the rangers: [gwca\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:gwca_interpretation@nps.gov).

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**Park website:** <http://www.nps.gov/gwca/forteachers/art-and-essay-contest.htm>

**MSSU Dept. of Teacher Education:** <http://www.mssu.edu/academics/education/teacher/index.php>



## Art Entry Sheet (use separate sheet for essay entries)

**Teachers, please submit:**

- 1. this completed Art Entry Sheet**
- 2. a typed list of all students participating in the art category**
- 3. your students' art entries**

**If you have any questions, please call the park rangers at 417-325-4151 or email:**  
**[gwca\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:gwca_interpretation@nps.gov)**.

Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Art Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Essay Entry Sheet (use separate sheet for art entries)

**Teachers, please submit:**

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- 2. a typed list of all students participating in the essay category**
- 3. your students' essay entries**

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Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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